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**Mayor Dermer Praises Bi-Partisan Support for Defeating the Passage of  
Changes to the Burt J. Harris Act**

*Dermer says the Changes Could Have Cost the City of Miami Beach  
Millions of Dollars*

(Miami Beach, FL)- This week, Mayor David Dermer returned from a successful trip to Tallahassee where he traveled to lobby the State House of Representatives in opposition to the proposed changes to the Burt J. Harris legislation, (House Bill 113). The Burt J. Harris legislation addresses municipalities' control over critical zoning matters. Mayor Dermer says the proposed changes could have cost the City of Miami Beach more than 25 million dollars had they passed.

"This was a bi-partisan team effort. I was proud of Representative Ken Sorensen, who showed tremendous political courage by not succumbing to the developers' special interests. His efforts were key in preserving local government's right to control zoning. The people of our City and State owe Representative Sorenson a great debt of gratitude," said Mayor Dermer.

Mayor David Dermer, City Attorney Murray Dubbin, C.M.B. lobbyists and several City staff members have been collectively researching and studying the developments of these proposed adjustments for several months. "This was a matter which brought together our entire legislative community. United, we were successful in our lobbying efforts," said Dermer.

Dermer says Miami Beach's Legislative Delegation comprised of Senator Gwen Margolis, Representative Gus Barreiro, Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall and Representative Dan Gelber all fought against these potentially destructive changes. Representative Julio Robaina, Representative Steve Greenstein and the Florida League of Cities were instrumental in preventing the passage of this Bill.

